

CHILDREN'S SERVICES PORTFOLIO DECISION RECORD

21st November 2005

Present:

Councillor The Mayor, Stuart Drummond

Officers: John Collings, Assistant Director, Performance and Achievement
 Angela Hunter, Principal Democratic Services Officer

**27. Children's Services Department Operational Plan
2005/06: 6 Month Progress Report** (*Director of Children's
Services*)

Type of decision

Non key.

Purpose of report

To provide a six month update on progress in relation to the Children's Services Department Operational Plan 2005/06 and to adopt the Children's Services Department Equality and Diversity statement as an addendum to the plan.

Issue(s) for consideration by Portfolio Holder

The Assistant Director of Children's Services presented a report that explained the background to the Children's Services Department's Operational Plan 2005/2006. Information was given about the progress towards targets and about significant achievements during the first six months of the financial year. The subsequent review was attached by way of an appendix and demonstrated that the majority of activity scheduled by the Children's Services Department for 2005/06 were either on target or complete. A proposed Equality and Diversity statement was attached by way of an addendum to the plan.

The Assistant Director of Children's Services highlighted that the first six months of this operation plan had been a very busy period for the Children's Services Department. In May 2005, a very successful report had been received from the Commission for Social Care Inspection (CSCI) in which the work of the Family Placement Team Fostering Service in Hartlepool had been particularly commended.

Decision

- The progress on the Children's Services Operational Plan 2005/2006 was noted.
- It was agreed that the Equality and Diversity Statement was adopted as an addendum to the Plan.

28. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

Under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the paragraphs referred to below of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

Minute 29 – Children's Homes: Regulations 33/34 Reports (Para 6 – This item contains exempt information under Schedule 12A Local Government Act 1972, namely information relating to the adoption, care, fostering or education of a particular child.)

29. Children's Homes: Regulations 33/34 Reports – Para 6 (*Director of Children's Services*)

Type of decision

Non Key.

Purpose of report

To present the Regulation 33/34 report of a visit to Exmoor Grove Children's Home covering the month of September 2005.

Issue(s) for consideration by Portfolio Holder

Appended to the report was a pro-forma in respect of a visit to Children's Home for Exmoor Grove in September 2005.

Decision

The report was received and noted.

J A BROWN

CHIEF SOLICITOR

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